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In re Application of:  
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FOR DETECTING RUB IN A  
TURBOMACHINE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 6, 2006, Applicants amend and remark as follows.